

What can I do with a major in **HISTORY** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

The study of history has long been recognized as central to a liberal arts education and has served as a foundation for successful careers in many fields. Although the study of history is more often associated with careers in law, public service, teaching and the academic world, the skills learned through historical study has proven useful in a great variety of callings. Students should attempt to emphasize to employers the skills that were gained through the study of history and through other experiences.

Relevant skills for a HISTORY major:

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| ◆ Adapt ideas | ◆ Develop ideas and projects | ◆ Organize materials/ideas |
| ◆ Analyze ideas/information | ◆ Examine all pertinent evidence | ◆ See relationships between factors |
| ◆ Analyzing impact of problems | ◆ Identify and evaluate records of past events, ideas, and facts accurately | ◆ Summarize |
| ◆ Collect & organize important historical data | ◆ Inform/explain ideas | ◆ Understand/interpret |
| ◆ Compare/compile research reports | ◆ Interpret events/ideas | ◆ Use the past to explain the present |
| ◆ Compare/contrast ideas | ◆ Interview | ◆ Use written and spoken media |
| ◆ Compile information | ◆ Know how societies cope with change | ◆ Work with details and others! |
| ◆ Conduct & explain scientific research | ◆ Make keen observations, solve problems and make appropriate decisions | |
| ◆ Make decisions | ◆ Observe people/data/things | |
| ◆ Describe & evaluate issues | | |
| ◆ Develop a world view | | |

Sample work activities for Graduates in HISTORY (some may require an advanced degree)

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| • Advisor | • FBI/CIA Agent | • Museum Specialist |
| • Anthropologist | • Foreign News Correspondent | • Operations Research Analyst |
| • Archeologist | • Foreign Service Officer | • Paralegal |
| • Archives Management | • Free Lance Writer | • Peace Corps Worker |
| • Archivist | • Genealogist | • Personnel Officer |
| • Archivist | • Historian | • Policy Evaluator |
| • Biographer | • Human Services Worker | • Political Scientist |
| • City Manager | • Insurance Agent | • Politician |
| • Clergy | • Intelligence Specialist | • Preservation Specialist |
| • College Administration | • International Law & Relations | • Psychologist |
| • Columnist/Journalist | • Journalist | • Public Administrator |
| • Corporation Historian | • Judge | • Public Information Coordinator |
| • Counselor | • Lawyer | • Public Opinion Pollster |
| • Criminologist | • Legislative Aide | • Public Relations Representative |
| • Curator | • Librarian | • Research/Preservation |
| • Customs Port Investigator | • Loan Administrator | • Research/Technical |
| • Data Processing | • Management Trainee | |
| • Departmental Historian | • Market Research Analyst | |
| • Economist | • Museum Curator | |
| • Editor | | |
| • Exhibit preparation | | |

- Sales Campaign Planner
- Sales/Marketing Representative
- Sociologist
- Supervisor of Historic Sites
- Technical Writer
- Textbook Sales Representative
- Tour Guide
- Travel Agent
- Underwriter
- University Teaching
- University Research
- Urban Planning
- Writer
- and others!

Potential hiring institutions for HISTORY majors:

- ◆ Archives
- ◆ Banks
- ◆ Businesses/Corporations
- ◆ Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Colleges and Universities
- ◆ Cultural Foundations
- ◆ Educational agencies & foundations
- ◆ Foundations, non-profit
- ◆ Government Agencies: Civil Rights Commission, Education Department, Justice Department, Library of Congress, National Archives
- ◆ Historical Societies & Associations
- ◆ International Organizations
- ◆ Law Firms
- ◆ Libraries
- ◆ Media: Television, radio, newspapers, magazines
- ◆ Museums
- ◆ Public Relation Firms
- ◆ Publishing Companies
- ◆ Research Institutions
- ◆ School systems
- ◆ Travel Agencies
- ◆ and others!

Area of further education for HISTORY majors:

- African Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Archeology
- Architectural History
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Business Administration
- Classical Literature
- Counseling
- Divinity
- Divinity Studies/Seminary
- Education
- European Studies
- History
- History of Medicine
- History of Science & Technology
- Human Services
- Humanities
- Information Studies
- International Affairs
- Jewish Studies
- Law
- Liberal Studies
- Library Science
- Medieval & Renaissance Studies
- Native Studies
- Nonprofit Management
- Philosophy
- Political History
- Political Science
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Public History
- Social Science
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Urban Studies
- Women's Studies
- Writing
- and others!

Sources of additional information for HISTORY majors:

- VU Department of History: <http://www.valpo.edu/history/>
- VU Majors & Areas of Study: <http://www.valpo.edu/cas/departments/history.html>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: the US Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles information about various occupations, including the nature of the work, the job outlook, the earnings, and other relevant information. <http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco1002.htm>
- America's Job Bank: a partnership between the US Department of Labor and the state operated public Employment Service for public and private sector jobs. <http://www.ajb.dni.us/>
- American Association for State and Local History: provides leadership, service, and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful in American Society. Includes Jobs Online. <http://www.aaslh.org/>
- American Association of Museums: Enhancing the ability of museums to serve the public interest. Site includes a Museum Careers page. <http://www.aam-us.org/>
- American Historical Society: a nonprofit membership organization for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical documents and artifacts, and the dissemination of historical research. Includes fellowships, awards & grants as well as career information under "General Information: Who We Serve: Graduate Students". Must be a member for job listings. <http://www.theaha.org/>

- Careers in Government: Job opportunities with local, state & federal agencies. <http://www.careersingovernment.com>
- Global Museum: compendium of museum, art gallery & nonprofit vacancies. <http://www.globalmuseum.org/>
- GovernmentJobs.Com: devoted to helping individuals find the jobs they are seeking in the public sector. <http://www.govtjobs.com/>
- H-Net Job Guide: covers positions in History, the Humanities, and Social Sciences, as well as listings in rhetoric, composition. <http://www.matrix.msu.edu/jobs/>
- Museum Employment Resource Center: Museum employment opportunities, job seekers, educational links, and more. <http://www.museum-employment.com/>
- Museum Resource Board: Information and resources, including job postings for museums. <http://www.museumwork.com/>
- MuseumJobs: International museum, gallery, and heritage recruitment service offers jobs, internships, volunteer placement and other career opportunities. <http://www.museumjobs.com/>
- National Council on Public History: works to advance the professionalism of public history and to advocate enhanced public and governmental support for historical programs. Members include museum professionals, government historians, historical consultants and employees in consulting, archivists, professors and students with public history interests, and many others. Includes Employment as well as Grants/Fellowships. <http://www.ncph.org>
- National Women's History Project: various information and resources on women's history. <http://www.nwhp.org/>
- Opportunity NOCs: connects you with a full range of employment and human-resources-related information and services. <http://www.opportunitynocs.org/>
- Organization of American Historians: the largest learned society devoted to the study of American history. Promotes the investigation, study, and teaching of the American past through its many activities. Includes Job Listings. <http://www.oah.org/>
- Philanthropy News Network: the voice of the nonprofit world and the marketplace for products and services nonprofits need. Site includes nonprofit jobs. <http://pnnonline.org/>
- Society of American Archivists: North America's oldest and largest national archival professional association. Provides leadership to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. Site includes and Employment Bulletin. <http://www.archivists.org/>
- The History Net: various information and resources on history. <http://www.thehistorynet.com/>
- USAJobs: The U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information provided by the United States Office of Personnel Management. <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *100 Best Nonprofits To Work For*
- *Alternatives To The Peace Corps : A Directory Of Third World And Us Volunteer Opportunities*
- *Book Of U.S. Government Jobs : Where They Are, What's Available, And How To Get One*
- *Career Opportunities For Writers*
- *Career Opportunities In Law And The Legal Industry*
- *Career Opportunities In Politics, Government & Activism*
- *Careers For Bookworms & Other Literary Types*
- *Careers For History Buffs & Others Who Learn From The Past*
- *Careers In Sociology*
- *Civil Service Career Starter*
- *Essays That Worked For Law Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Law Schools*
- *Federal Personnel Guide 2003*
- *For The Common Good: Internships With Social & Community Service Agencies 2003*
- *Graduate Programs In Education*
- *Graduate Programs In Humanities*
- *Graduate Programs In Social Sciences*
- *Great Jobs For History Majors*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities*
- *Harvard Business School Guide To Careers In The Nonprofit Sector*
- *Inside Secrets To Finding A Career In Travel*
- *Law Schools*
- *LSAT 2003*
- *Non-Profits Job Finder*
- *Opportunities In Journalism Careers*
- *Opportunities In Law Careers*
- *Opportunities In Library And Information Science*
- *Opportunities In Social Science Careers*
- *Opportunities In Travel Careers*

- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- *Resumes For Business Management Careers and others!*

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